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A study of [REDACTED] aerial photography reveals the existence of several military camps in the vicinity of SWATOW, China.

These camps present an appearance of neatness, organization and permanence. It is notable that no motor vehicles, armor, artillery nor anti-aircraft weapons were observed near these camps. From their general appearance and from a comparison with earlier photography of two of these camps, it appears that all of these military camps probably were constructed within the past two years.

The major camps are indicated by numbered circles on the enclosed map (Enclosure 1). Minor barracks installations, consisting of 20 barracks or less, are indicated by smaller unnumbered circles. Details of the major complexes are as follows:

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Barracks Complex No. 1 (MA 1588). This complex is observed for the first time on photo cover of [REDACTED] 80 barracks are divided into eight groups. An unknown number of smaller support buildings should be presumed but can not be identified because of the small scale of photography (1 : 80,000).


Barracks Complex No. 2 (MB 1510). This camp first observed on Photo

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 was finally located on the small scale photos

This complex is composed of two large groups of barracks and support buildings located about 1 mile apart. There are approximately 447 single story buildings of all types in the complete complex. About 200 of these buildings averaging 150' x 35' in size suitable for troop barracks. Photo Enclosure 1 to this report shows one of the two sub-complexes that form this site.

There are extensive training areas in conjunction with the various barracks groups. These contain such indicators of infantry type training as fox holes, intrenchments and obstacle courses.

There is a lack of artillery and armor.

Barracks Complex No. 3 (MB 3309). This site consists of approximately 50 buildings of recent construction. Cloud cover prevents an accurate building count. The site has training areas adjacent that reflect infantry type training. (See Photo Enclosure 2).

Barracks Complex No. 4 (MA 6296). This area is visible only on 1/80,000 scale photography. Despite this scale handicap, there are over 150 major buildings identifiable on the photography. Probably others are not shown by reason of a lack of photo coverage. This appears to be a large scale, new and integrated encampment training area.

Barracks Complex No. 5 (MB 6219). Consists of approximately 125

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barracks-type buildings ranging in size from 40' by 180' to 20' x 100'. Those are all single story structures. There are, in addition, over 100 support buildings of various sizes and types. This area was completed after [REDACTED] (See Photo Enclosure 3).

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Barracks Complex No. 6 (MB 6719). Consists of about 100 barracks-type buildings with approximately 50 smaller buildings. There are adjacent training areas that reflect infantry training. Completed about [REDACTED]

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Barracks Complex No. 7 (MB 7615). This complex consists of 54 buildings as shown on Photo Enclosure 4 to this report. There may be 10 additional buildings obscured by cloud cover. The training area shows infantry intrenchments as well as possible mortar and machine gun type emplacements. The camp is probably less than two years old.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series L500. Sheet NF50-2 dated April 1955.

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SWATOW SITUATION STUDY

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This memorandum is submitted in reply to a request by OCI for information on Military installations in the SWATOW area, as determined from a study of the latest available aerial photography. Photo coverage utilized in this study was dated [REDACTED]

The area under study is covered by the following AMS sheets of Series L 781: 8325 I, 8325 II, 8325 III, 8325 IV, 8324 I, and 8324 IV.

The location of all points is reported by the standard military grid reference system.

REPORT OF WEAPON POSITIONS IN THE SWATOW CITY AREA

(Extending East and West from 370 to 440, and North and South from 280 to 320)

Light anti-aircraft (37 MM).....	24
Unoccupied anti-aircraft.....	8

REPORT OF WEAPON POSITIONS IN THE SWATOW N.E. A/T AREA

(Extending East and West from 440 to 550, and North and South from 350 to 420)

Medium anti-aircraft (85 MM).....	16
Light anti-aircraft (37MM)	48
TOTAL ANTI-AIRCRAFT	64

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NOTE: There is included in this group a 16 medium anti-aircraft, a battery of 8, located approximately half way between Swatow and Swatow N.E. A/F. (458336)

REPORT OF MILITARY BUILDINGS AND TRUCK CONCENTRATIONS IN THE SWATOW CITY AREA (Extending East and West from 370 to 440, and North and South from 280 to 320)

Many barrack areas appear in the Swatow city area, but lack of time precluded a complete study for this report. Twelve (12) barracks (90' X 30') were noted at _____ (448322). Future supplements to this study will have more information on Swatow City area.

REPORT OF MILITARY BUILDINGS AND TRUCK CONCENTRATIONS IN THE SWATOW N.E. A/F AREA (Extending East and West from 440 to 550, and from North and South from 350 to 420)

A concentration of 14 trucks was observed at _____ (488402), and a concentration of 25 trucks at _____ (492398). Over 107 barracks were observed in the Swatow N.E. A/F area. Great activity of truck movement and in barrack construction noted.

REPORT ON SWATOW N.E. A/F (495380)

Airfield is not operational. Runway is oriented N.E. X S.W., (approximately 6250' X 250' ... under construction), with local construction materials being utilized. _____ photography

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showed grading in progress and nearing completion. A narrow gauge railroad is utilized (N.E. of runway) for movement of materials. Many trucks are present in the area and great activity noted. A road has been constructed from the main road (Swatow to Ch'eng-Hai) to the runway. Area is heavily armed with medium (85 M.M.) and light (37 M.M.) anti-aircraft positions. Taxi ways (paralleling runway) are also under construction. No revetments were noted.

Comparative photo coverage of the A/F was not available for this study precluding a rate of completion or estimated date of completion.

REPORT OF PROBABLE POWER LINE CONSTRUCTION NEAR SWATOW N.E. A/F.

It appears that two power lines are under construction, one on either side of the main ferry crossing, just south of Ch'eng-Hai. Ferry is at (488404)_____. One probable power line crosses the river at _____ (487404), and the other probable power line crosses the river at (492404)_____. The approaches, on either side of the river, of both power lines appear to have three (3) large towers (estimated 120' tall). Some smaller poles were observed leading away from the river.

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REPORT ON ROADS

Main road from Swatow to Ch'eng-Hai and to the N.E. is bridged at _____ (458373). This same road passing N.E. of Ch'eng-Hai is serviced by ferries at _____ (486405), (505454), (558536). (Reference road study GP/I-90). Great activity noted all along roads observed.

REPORT ON SHIPPING

Aerial photography shows approximately 85 boats, between 20' - 80' long, on the HAN CHIANG River, in the area around WAI-SHA-HSIANG (495400). Lack of photo coverage downstream prevents determination of the function of the boats in this area.

The Swatow harbor area had well over 400 boats, between 20' - 80' long. Many smaller boats were also observed. Large wood rafts were located at _____ (385305).

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